THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) 19 motor coaches are programmed for manufacture at ICF in 1991-92 for metre gauge suburban section of Southern Railway.

Cancellation of Varanasi-Hatia Express

4536. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Varanasi-Hatia bi-weekly express train has been cancelled and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any alternate train facility has been provided; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Due to extremely poor patronisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Modification of AC-II Class

4537. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to replace AC First Class with AC II Class (2 Tier);

(b) whether there is also any scheme to modify the model of AC II Class (2 Tier) compartment to provide more privacy and security to women passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the M. G. A. C. II Class (2 Tier) coaches sliding doors have been provided in the cabines. On BG AC II Class (2 Tier) coaches, however, curtains have been provided as due to the provision of aisle side longitudinal berths, sliding doors cannot be accommodated.

There is no proposal to modify these arrangements.

[Translation]

Reservation Quota for Kanpur

4538. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have curtailed the reservation quota of Kanpur in Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the present quota of Kanpur in A.C.2 tier and chair car in this train;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the present quota; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reservation quota at Kanpur has been reduced by 2 AC Sleeper berths and 5 AC Chair Car seats by 2302 UP Rajdhani Express train. The quota available at present at Kanpur is as under:—